

STAND AS A UNIT.

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by Mr. Jackson's friends that he will allow his name to be submitted for nomination at the next County election, and his refusal to do this will be accepted by them with regret. However, if he does not see fit to do so, the people should be looking ahead, and have somebody in sight for this very responsible position as much good has come to our people through this very place. How would the name of Mr. D. C. Smith, 3128 State street look on the ticket?

The Literary Section of the "Friends of Illinois Club at their elegant club parlors 2927 Dearborn street, on Thursday evening, Nov. 8th, had as their guest of honor, and speaker of the evening Hon. J. Gray Lucas, late president of the Men's Sunday Club, under whose administration, President Wm. McKinley was entertained in October, 1899. The subject of the speaker's address was "Hayti, its position among the nations." The club had open doors and a



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large number of this creditable and substantial club's friends turned out to listen to the address and a select musical and literary program. Mr. King Jefferson gave a first reading of his latest original poem, entitled, "Some thing for all to do;" the composition and sentiment of which entitle the poem and its author to a more general and larger hearing. Mr. F. D. Hooker as chairman of the Literary section did the honors with Chesterfieldian grace, and the title, "Friends of Illinois Club," proved no misnomer. In the person of the speaker, Mr. Lucas, and in his subject, as well as the program rendered, the club has set a high mark and it should be its earnest endeavor in the literary section as in the past record of this noble organization to have but one motto, "Excelsior."

The republicans in South Carolina have nominated for Congress a young mulatto lawyer, named R. A. Stewart. Hearst's Chicago America, the red-letter democrat paper, which so gallantly championed the cause of Hon. Wm. J. Bryan, comes out with a strong plea in the Negro's behalf, (after the elections over) After informing the thousands of intelligent white men and women through the columns of his paper that when they sit up late at night and read "Monte Christo," "The Three Musketeers" and other works by the Dumas' that they are reading the works of men with African blood in their veins, he comments as follows:

"The Negro is the under dog in the battle of Nations, just at present. But once he led the fight, as you may learn by studying the Negro nose and lips of the Sphinx rising above the desert sands. Once in far off days, the Negro laid the foundation on which all modern religion rests. A Negro brain evolved our religious beliefs based

on the movements of planets, so long ago that those movements have changed and cease to hold their original meaning. The Negro's day may come again. Let us treat him with fairness and with decency for our own sakes. Our descendants may one day be in his power as he now seems to be in ours."

Charles W. Chestnutt, in a recent publication entitled "The Wife of His Youth," presents an intelligent argument in behalf of the race problem. The logic is so strong that it has attracted the attention of some of the best American writers. Mr. Wm. Dean Howells was so touched by it that he has come forward with the most promising predictions concerning the colored race. He said that during its one generation of freedom its great progress marked by such instances as Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Booker T. Washington, and Charles W. Chestnutt, bade fare to develop into a separate and distinct civilization which would equal that of the whites in education, culture and refinement.

The State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs will be held at the Institutional church, this city, Nov. 21st and 23. Representatives from all parts of the state are expected.

On last Sunday evening the pastor of the Institutional church, Rev. R. C. Ransom, dispensed with the regular evening service to do honor to a woman's club, known as the Phyllis Wheatley Club, and which has an excellent standing in the community. Mrs. L. A. Davis, the estimable and capable president, presented a short paper in which she gave an outline of the work being done by the club. Mr. W. H. A. Moore, a man of excellent literary tastes read of the life and work of Phyllis Wheatley. Miss Effie McQuann the secretary of the Club rendered "I will extol Thee," from Elijah. The Club is composed of an intelligent body of women who seem very earnest in their endeavor to do good. The Phyllis Wheatley Club rooms are located at 5058 Dearborn street.

A large crowd will greet Mrs. Mary Church Terrell at the Institutional church Nov. 23rd where she will donate a lecture for the benefit of the kindergarten fund.

Hon. John G. Jones, prominent lawyer of this city and a man well-known all over the United States was recently elected to the legislature. Mr. Jones never fails to championed the cause of his people when the proper opportunity presents itself, and Chicago folks feel that he is the right man in the right place. We congratulate Mr. Jones upon his election to this responsible and honorable position.

Mr. Fred W. Hedge, who has charge of the Mammoth Cake Walk and Jubilee Entertainment to be held at Convention Hall, December 4th is leaving no stone unturned to make this affair the most interesting and unique of any that has been given in this city. The best cake walkers and singers, as well as comic comedians have been engaged by Mr. Hedge for this occasion. Get your tickets early.

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